

## DANGEROUS DELAY IN SCHOOL BOND ELECTION

**Some on School Board Oppose Half Million Bond Issue And Want To Amend Bill—Schools Suffer While Some One Plays Politics**

By W. O. SAUNDERS

The August 1920 special session of the North Carolina General Assembly authorized the Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City to call an election on a bond issue of \$500,000 for the Elizabeth City graded schools. The bill provided the election should be called within six months from the passage of the bill and upon request of the Board of Graded School Trustees. The issue was to be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the city, the votes of a majority of the registered voters of the city being necessary to carry the election. The limit of the bond issue to be voted upon was \$500,000, but it was expressly stipulated in the bill that the Board of Graded School Trustees should issue only such an amount of bonds as might be required for such improvements and extensions as might be determined upon by the Board.

Nearly three months have elapsed since the passage of that Act and the Board of Trustees has not yet notified the Board of Aldermen to call an election and this newspaper has inside information that no election will be called. Here then is a sensational fact which the progressive citizens of Elizabeth City should take cognizance of at once and bestir themselves.

Instead of calling an election to vote upon this bond issue, the Board of Graded School Trustees purposes to have the bill amended at the January 1921 session of the General Assembly to reduce the bond limit to \$350,000 or some smaller figure. A committee composed of P. H. Williams, J. B. Leigh, J. K. Wilson and S. L. Sheep has been appointed to draft such an amendment. There is also some talk of an amendment to call for a new registration under the theory that the present registration can not be trusted to vote upon such an issue.

### Disastrous Dilly-Dallying

This newspaper believes that sort of tampering with the present Act will prove disastrous to the schools and is but a stall upon the part of some one to stave off a new bond issue as long as possible. There are men on the Board of Trustees who do not want a \$500,000 bond issue and while they will not openly fight a thing so popular, they are capable of sub rosa work that will accomplish the same results. This is plain talk, but it is time for plain talk and time for the people of this town who are tired of the present disgraceful school system to get acquainted with the members of their Board of Graded School Trustees.

Here are the members of that Board. Clip and paste the list in your hat or some other convenient place: P. H. Williams, N. S. Leary, W. A. Brock, J. D. Hathaway, M. P. Gallip, J. B. Anderson, H. C. Bright, W. H. Jennings, C. A. Cooke, W. L. Small, S. W. Gregory, E. F. Aydtlett, L. S. Blades, R. C. Abbott and T. J. Markham. Mr. Aydtlett is president of the Board.

### The Board vs. Expert Opinion

One acquainted with the personnel of the Board will be pleased with the personality of its members, but must wonder how such a group of men became entrusted with the direction of the educational problems of the city. There are not three men on this unwieldy body who know a single solitary thing about modern pedagogics or who are in any way qualified to render an expert opinion or suggestion on any educational problem. The Board exists as a body of financiers interested primarily in approving and paying bills. Not so many as three of them know anything about the schools, more than any man in the street knows. They meet once a month and go thru a routine performance, but a man who has been on that Board for more than a year tells me that at not one of its meetings has he seen such a thing as a report from the Superintendent of Schools and has never learned anything about the schools from any of the meetings. And this body of men are saying that they can give Elizabeth City a school system to meet its present and immediate future requirements with a bond issue of about \$350,000, in the face of expert opinion which has said that it can't be done for \$400,000. The highest educational authority in America, Dr. Philander P. Claxton, himself, the U. S. Commissioner of Education, has visited our schools and unhesitatingly says the sum needed to meet our requirements is nearer a half million dollars.

### Watch Men Higher Up

This article is not written to stir up public resentment against the Board of Graded School Trustees, or to impugn the motives of the Board as a whole. The Board is composed of representative citizens and most of them have the best interest of the community at heart. But this newspaper does say that this Board has not shown itself fully informed on the city's school needs and this newspaper has reliable evidence that some of the men higher up on that Board are reactionary and secretly opposed to the highest possible development of our public school system. Who does not believe that a forceful word from Hon. E. F. Aydtlett, for instance, would have carried a request for an election to the Board of Aldermen two months ago?

### New Registration Unnecessary

This newspaper has no patience with the plan for a special registration for the School Bond election. Such a registration is not necessary and it is not certain that it would be legal, since the election can not be carried except by a majority of the qualified voters of the city. That is constitutional law, passed upon by our Supreme Court. A special registration need not bring out a registration of so many as a majority of the qualified voters of the city. I can readily see however how an election could be further delayed and a lot of valuable time lost by calling for a new registration. If the election can be postponed until next spring it will be too late to get work under way in time for the opening of the schools next fall, which would mean that work wouldn't be gotten under way next year at all.

The Board of Aldermen of Elizabeth City meet again Monday, Dec. 6. If pressure can be brought upon the Board of Trustees in time, the Aldermen can order the election at that December meeting. If the election is not ordered in December, the General Assembly will be in session before another opportunity is presented. C. A. Cooke, a member of the School Board will then be in a position to amend or repeal the measure that will give Elizabeth City the schools it needs. No one knows what Mr. Cooke will do.

### Easy to Blunder

One thing at least is certain: before attempting any amendments to the present bill, the School Board should employ a bond expert to advise them. Bond bills are tricky things and the best of lawyers if not especially experienced in drafting such legislation will make blunders. It might be well indeed for the Board to employ expert opinion to pass upon the Bill which they already have, since they held that Bill back from your Representative at the Special Session until it was nearly too late for him to get expert advice on it. He did get a redraft of the bill from Attorney General Manning who found that the bill as drawn here in Elizabeth City was utterly defective and not worth the paper it was written on.

### NO ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION HERE

Yesterday was Armistice Day throughout the nation but no one would have suspected it from the prosaic, every day routine of things in Elizabeth City. Not even a flag was displayed and school children were denied a holiday after the Board of Trustees talked the question over.

### NEXT WEEK IS TO BE HOUSEKEEPER'S WEEK

Many Interesting Lectures and Demonstrations To Be Given Here

The Merchants, through the Elizabeth City Merchant's Association, are co-operating with Miss Marie Albertson, Home Demonstration Agent for Pasquotank, in an effort to make Nov. 16, 17, 18, 19 Housekeeper's Week in Elizabeth City.

The merchants have agreed to decorate their windows with articles particularly suited to the housekeepers needs. Miss Albertson has succeeded in securing several out of town home demonstration agents to give lectures and demonstrations in the Rest Rooms in the Hinton Building every afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Several of the Elizabeth City merchants have agreed to give interesting talks on the lines in which they specialize. Such talks enable the housewife to buy wisely.

Buxton White will give a talk on plants, shrubs, flowers—how to treat them. This talk will be informal and will start promptly at half past three. On Wednesday afternoon Miss McQueen, of Plymouth will give a Fireless Cooker demonstration and Miss Albertson will demonstrate the Steam Pressure Cooker.

On Thursday, Miss Lula White, co-setter, will give a talk on "Fitting Corsets" at 2:30 and Miss Nettie Gaither will give demonstrations and lectures on "Methods of Cooking."

## REPUBLICANS HUNGRY FOR PIE

**A Dozen of 'Em Want To Be Postmaster at This City**

If the new Republican Congress does not take second class postmasters out from under the civil service rules and regulations and send these choice jobs back to the pie counter to be dished out in the old fashioned way, there will be some hot-in-the-collar Republicans here in northeastern North Carolina at least. Indeed they'll be the most disappointed lot of job hunters on the face of the earth and one may hear of them going Bolshevik or doing some other desperate thing if the party doesn't restore the old order and turn out all of the Democratic postmasters to make room for hungry Republican pie hunters.

The postoffice in Elizabeth City particularly is in demand and there probably are a dozen applicants for it. C. R. Pugh wants it; Jack Wells wants it; Jerry Wilcox wants it; Walter Wood wants it; Poole White wants it; Roy Chesson wants it; J. W. Johnson wants it and J. A. Hooper wants it. And they want it. Civil service may be a good thing and Dr. Pendleton, the present incumbent may be a most satisfactory postmaster and all that. But the thing is, the Republicans want every Democratic stool aside. It's been a long time since the Republicans had a look in and they are lean in the belly and hollow of eye.

It is interesting these days to see the boys running in and out of the office of Col. I. M. Meekins since it became pretty generally understood that he will dictate the dispensation of spoils under the incoming administration. The Colonel is having so many importunities and petitions these days that his friends say he hasn't had a chance to think up something that he wants for himself. The Colonel himself dismisses the idea that he will take the office of Collector of Internal Revenue at Raleigh. He says this would necessitate his removing to Raleigh and he would rather take a licking than have to live in Raleigh. The Colonel has been looking wistfully at certain foreign posts, but it is not believed that he would want to go abroad right now in view of the fact that he seriously contemplates being a candidate for governor in 1924; he couldn't very well plan and engineer a campaign from some foreign capital.

## REFUSED TO GIVE UP HER JOB OF TEACHING

**State Normal School at Elizabeth City Has Unique Experience in Teacher Employment**

While schools generally thru-out the country are vexed by the problem of how to keep teachers, the Colored State Normal School at Elizabeth City has had a totally different experience with in the past few days. Given her discharge because of incompetent and unsatisfactory work, Miss E. Theresa Miles, an Ohio brunette, positively refused to give up her job. Another teacher was employed in her place and she ran the new teacher out. Things had reached a pass where the students threatened to quit school when the police were called in. Miss Miles was indicted for trespass Wednesday afternoon and ordered to appear in court Thursday morning. Instead of going to court, she went back to the class room where the police again found her. She is now in Pasquotank county jail to be tried this morning, putting her in jail being the only way she could be kept from teaching. It is believed that the woman is demented and in this aspect her case is pitiful.

## TYRRELL COUNTY FAIR ON THANKSGIVING DAY

**Substantial Prizes Offered To Bring Out Best Products of Tyrrell County Farms and Pantries**

Tyrrell County will have a big county community fair on Thursday Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day and is doing the thing right by advertising the event in this week's issue of THE INDEPENDENT, the newspaper that most Tyrrell county people read.

The Columbia Fair is being gotten up under the direction of the enterprising Merchants & Farmers Bank of that town and nearly \$150,000 in cash prizes for the best exhibits of farm and pantry products, etc. The Albemarle Fertilizer Co. of this city offers additional prizes for the best exhibits of corn and sweet potatoes grown with their fertilizers.

In addition to the exhibition of the best products of the farms and kitchens of Tyrrell, many amusement features will enliven the day, including a real greased pig race and a pie-eating contest.

A royal good time is assured visitors from other counties who will go over to Columbia to see how they can do things in Tyrrell.

## TIME'S UP NOVEMBER 15 —SAVE 50 CENTS NOW

The special offer of a 25 per cent. rebate on the subscription price of this paper inaugurated Oct. 15, 1920 expires Monday night, Nov. 15, 1920. If you get your subscription into the mails or into this office by that time, new or renewal, it will cost you only \$1.50 for a year, or \$1.00 for eight months. After Nov. 15 subscriptions will be taken only at the regular rate, \$2.00 a year. The special rate was made as a concession to the farming interests of this section, in consideration of their inability to move their cotton. This newspaper anticipated that the cotton movement would be under way by Nov. 15. The reduction was not based upon lower cost of production, because the costs of producing a newspaper continues to advance, and there is no hope of a cheaper paper supply or cheaper labor in the printing trades. Send \$1.50 now and save 50 cents on your subscription.

## KRAMER BROS. TO SELL VALUABLE PROPERTY

**Removing to Pennsylvania Ave., Will Sell Their Holdings in The Heart of The City**

One of the most valuable business properties in Elizabeth City goes on the market this week, Kramer Bros. Co., offering to dispose of their property on Martin and Poindeexter streets, consisting of a frontage of 460 feet of Martin and 55 feet of Poindeexter with a depth of about 300 feet. The one substantial improvement on the property is a practically new brick office and store building 34 feet by 180 feet.

Kramer Bros. Co. will begin next week to remove to their new location on Pennsylvania Ave. and Knobs Creek where, within the past few months, they have erected one of the most elaborate wood working plants in eastern North Carolina. They will remove a section of their equipment at a time, thereby enabling them to keep continuously in operation; the last section of the Martin St. plant not to be closed until ready to install on Pennsylvania Ave. They expect to have everything moved by Jan. 1, 1921.

## EXPERT SAYS TEACHERS RECEIVE TOO MUCH PAY

**Says Elementary Grade Teachers Are Doing Irreparable Harm To Millions of Children**

Instead of not getting enough for their work, most elementary grade school teachers in America are being paid a great deal more than they are worth, according to Dr. Thomas Alexander, professor of Elementary Education of Peabody Institute, who is here to assist in the U. S. Department of Education's survey of Elizabeth City's public school system. Dr. Alexander spoke to a fair sized audience at the courthouse in Elizabeth City Wednesday night. He says the trouble is we do not pay enough to attract capable men and women to the teacher profession, with the result that our teachers are mostly young girls who are thinking more of getting married than of perfecting themselves as teachers. He said irreparable harm was being done millions of school children by just this class of teachers and millions of children are disgusted with school work and hostile to education because the class of teachers employed at prevailing wages are incapable of making education interesting to these children.

This newspaper regrets its inability to publish Dr. Alexander's address in full. The occasion of his speech was a public reception staged by the Chamber of Commerce to enable school patrons to meet members of the survey party. The audience was also addressed by Dr. W. P. Bawden, assistant to U. S. Commissioner Claxton and head of the survey staff; and by Dr. Walter S. Deffenbaugh, specialist in education in villages and towns.

### HURT BY AUTO

W. E. McCoy, age 65, who lives at 102 E. Cypress St. was thrown from his bicycle and sustained a painfully fractured thigh by being run into by an automobile driven by Edwin James, 16 year old son of A. G. James of this city. Young James was driving a Studebaker touring car and Mr. McCoy was on a bicycle.

### Hathaway Says

If you wear glasses, have your eyes and glasses both examined from time to time, and go to the place where you can afford to pay a reasonable price for real professional work. Remember your eyes are your bread-winners. Take care of them.

You have your teeth examined twice a year. Why not your eyes? They are more important.

Dr. J. D. Hathaway  
Optometrist

Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

## DARE COUNTY IS IN A HOT FIGHT

**And It Is All Over The Job of Register of Deeds With No Casualties As Yet**

Dare county is in an uproar. It doesn't take much to get it boiling over for those folks certainly will fight and this time something's going to happen for they have put both feet in. It is all over a little political jog, but both sides say justice must be done, and justice will be done.

It seems that Ernest E. Meekins, the Democratic candidate for Register of Deeds got three more votes than Geo. W. Bailey, the Republican candidate for re-election to that office. Bailey has held office two terms and grown to be a very popular official thru-out Dare county. Bailey expected most everybody would vote to re-elect him and most everybody told him they would, because Bailey is counted a good man and most everybody likes him. Nobody gives a darn about party much in Dare county because Dare county folks vote for whoever they want to any way, whether they have any party or not.

Anyway, most everybody expected Bailey to get re-elected and most everybody was surprised when he wasn't. It seems however that the Democrats in Dare sprung something unexpected on the Republicans. Just before election, they had Walter Cohoon and other big guns of Elizabeth City bombarding every section of Dare county with rhetorical democracy. It is possible that this may have turned the tide against Bailey; but when the votes were counted giving Meekins a majority of three, the Republicans smelled fish and opined that something was rotten in Dare as well as in Denmark. They forthwith began to inspect things and claim that Bailey was cheated out of office. Thru the Republican Executive Committee they have retained C. R. Pugh of Elizabeth City to begin action to contest the election, claiming that 35 absentee voters cast their ballot in Dare county, 12 of which had become residents of other counties and 6 of which were not registered, making a total of eighteen who had no right to vote.

The Democratic Committee has employed B. G. Crisp of Manteo, it is reported, and preparations are being made for a canvass of the election. In the meantime folks are discussing the situation and wondering how it will come out. Meekins is a very popular young fellow down that way and this is his first venture in politics. He is the son of Theodore S. Meekins who was formerly an office holder in Dare.

## FIRST METHODISTS ARE REAL MONEY SAVERS

**Prevalent Money Tightness Doesn't Make This Church Retrench**

Much enthusiasm was created in the Quarterly Conference of the First M. E. Church South of this city Tuesday night when it was announced that the canvass for \$75,000 new subscriptions to complete the new church had resulted to date in \$84,000 worth of subscriptions, making a grand total of \$124,000 now subscribed to the building of what will be the handsomest house of worship in northeastern North Carolina. It is believed that the additional \$11,000 needed for the new church will be raised within a few days.

Tuesday night's quarterly conference of the First Methodist Church was most successful from every point of view. A large number of the members of the church attended the meeting, and the reports showed that every department of the work is in splendid condition.

The meeting voted to extend an invitation to the Annual Conference to hold its next annual session at Elizabeth City, it is expected that the new church, now in process of construction will be ready for dedication. The meeting appointed L. D. Case, a special delegate to the conference which meets next week at Rocky Mount to urge the claims of the local church and community.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Stewards: W. J. Woodley, L. E. Old, J. W. Menden, R. S. Fearing, J. P. Kramer, C. C. Pappendick, T. J. Markham, S. W. Twiford, H. C. Bright, J. L. Wells, W. A. Brock, W. P. Wood, W. B. Goodwin, A. S. Mann, C. J. Hollowell, G. G. Markham, J. N. Whitehurst, H. D. Walker, W. B. Zimmerman, H. S. Overman, H. W. Sanders, C. G. Fearing, Gideon Pendleton, L. R. Foreman, L. D. Case, J. B. Leigh, W. E. Wood, C. E. Kramer, J. W. Foreman, M. Leigh Sheep.

Recording Steward: C. E. Kramer. District Steward: L. E. Old. Sunday School Superintendents: W. C. Sawyer; Assistants: J. K. Wilson, L. R. Foreman.

Lay Leader: L. D. Case. Trustees: J. G. Fearing, L. C. Blades, Miles Jennings, P. DeLon, B. F. Spence, Geo. Beveridge, R. H. Commander, A. S. Neal, W. E. Dunstan.

### DEANS IS GAME SPORT

With his coat off, his shirt collar unbuttoned and his sleeves rolled up and watched by an interested crowd, Wilfred Deans of this city paid an election bet last Saturday. It was hard work and took him two hours but he did it.

The job consisted in rolling a peanut with a crowbar from the Southern Hotel to the water a distance of four blocks.

## THE COAST GUARD NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

**Strong, Brave Men Used To The Sea, Being Replaced by Recruits Gathered From New And Hitherto Untried Sources**

### BRICK HOUSE MYSTERY FINALLY CLEARED UP

**The Corps Deposited in Pasquotank River by Two Mysterious Men Was Only a Sandy Colored Hog**

The great Brick House mystery which baffled the police for more than two weeks and kept the sheriff and members of the police force busy dragging Pasquotank river for nearly that length of time has finally been cleared up. The mysterious bundle which two mysterious men mysteriously deposited in the dark waters of the Pasquotank near the old Brick House on Tuesday, Oct. 26, pans out to have been nothing more than a sandy colored hog that had died of cholera. The carefully shrouded corpse of the hog floated to the surface Saturday.

No arrests have been made but the police insist that they have warrants and will indict two well known farmers in the old Brick House neighborhood, charging them with polluting the river contrary to statute, it being against the law to dispose of the remains of a cholera infected hog other than by burying or burning. The story goes that the owner of the hog had visited a "Conjure Doctor" who told him to sew a dead hog in a sack and deposit it in running water—and the cholera would leave his herd.

### CHORAL SOCIETY WILL PRESENT "HOLY CITY"

**Premier Performance of Elizabeth City's Newest and Biggest Musical Organization**

The Elizabeth City Choral Society will present its initial performance at the High School auditorium on Friday evening November 19th.

"Gaul's Holy City" is the first rendition of the Choral Society and of unusual interest is the fact that the organization's first performance will be accompanied by a marine orchestra of twelve pieces.

K. C. Hulsick, of Norfolk, well known oratorio singer and soloist will sing at the concert with the local talent.

Tickets for the performance will be on sale at Selig's Jewelry Store. Associate membership cards have been on sale this week. Associate membership dues are \$1.00 for each concert given by the Choral Society and each associate member if given the privilege of two tickets to each concert.

The Choral Society was organized in Elizabeth City in October and P. R. Huffty was named as Director. Rehearsals have been held each Tuesday and Friday evenings for the past several weeks and interest in the performance is manifested by the growing number of associate members.

### A ROUGH JOKE

James Henry Burgess, a prominent farmer and business man of Old Trap who is a frequent visitor to Elizabeth City, was in town this week. Old Trap is in Shiloh Township and Shiloh Township pulled more Republican votes than all the rest of Camden county put together, 94 votes for Harding against about 200 for Cox. Asked why he let so many Republican votes pile up in his township, Mr. Burgess said: "We just couldn't help it but I think we did pretty good to keep 'em down to 94 votes. Tell you the truth if somebody hadn't put out word that Harding was a mulatto he would have carried everything in the union."

### RED CROSS ADOPTS A NEW PLAN THIS YEAR

**Will Not Worry People With Personal Solicitations for Membership in Annual Roll Call**

The Elizabeth City Chapter of the American Red Cross is not going to run you down to get your dollar for membership in that organization in the approaching Christmas Roll Call. Instead of being button-holed, bothered and imperturbed on every street corner and post office lobby, you will receive a letter and a blank check. If your heart is in the right place you will mail back the check for \$1.00 and be done with it. If your heart isn't in the right place, no one will come around and tell you about it.

The work of the Red Cross is so well known that the officers of the local chapter believe that this simple direct appeal by personal letter is sufficient, in any way. One half of the membership money paid into the local chapter is retained for relief work right here in Elizabeth City. The chapter has done much notable work during the past year, feeding the hungry, nursing and supplying medicine and medical skill to the indigent sick and even helping to bury the dead.

The officers for the Elizabeth City Chapter of the Red Cross for the ensuing year are W. A. Worth, chairman, Mrs. F. G. Jacobs, vice chairman; Miss Estella Johnson, secretary; W. H. Jennings treasurer.

The personnel of the U. S. Coast Guard is undergoing a change which will make that once picturesque and heroic branch of the government service an altogether strange and unfamiliar institution to many in Elizabeth City and vicinity who, have heretofore personally known so many men in the Coast Guard service on the North Carolina coast. What is going on in the Coast Guard and how the complexion of the personnel of the service is changing under modern economic conditions is entertainingly told for readers of this newspaper by D. V. Meekins, a member of the staff.

By D. V. MEEKINS

After reading a street poster bearing the legend "Adventure appeals to many men; if you are strong and husky and your nerve is good and you are between the ages of 18 and 35 years, investigate what the U. S. Coast Guard has to offer you," one begins to wonder why the Coast Guard of late years is making such an appeal for men. The average fellow in this section knows that the old Life Saving Service was the coveted berth of thousands of men thru-out Northeastern North Carolina. In those days it called its men from the brainiest and brawniest of those who were known to be good sailors and swimmers. Unless a man had these qualifications he was not even considered. Today the Coast Guard is hard put to it in finding enough men along the coast who are suitable recruits. For a few years now it has had to go inland and take fellows from farms and factories and train them in the business of life saving. And while the Coast Guard is run on a better system than before, it doesn't readily find the class of men who made it the celebrated organization that it is. This state of conditions is not due to any scarcity of men but to the small salary allowed the Coast Guard for its services. And with the mounting costs of everything he has not been favored with a proportionate increase in pay. Today his salary is \$70 per month with a per diem allowance of 68 cents for subsistence.

### Hard on New Recruits

There are many young men however thru-out the middle west and other portions of the country who lured by the spirit of adventure, jump at the Coast Guard's offer to see the world. They do not know that service in that branch is the strongest test for brawn and ability of any vocation that deals with the sea. The Coast Guard supplements its ranks with these fellows, who have bred, mind and body and muscle, in an environment entirely the opposite. The novelty and variety of the new life aboard the training ships, fire their newly kindled desire to the highest pitch but when they are set down at the end of the period of training, in the monotonous life of an isolated Coast Guard Station on some barren and wind-swept beach, where the sameness of old ocean's morning is broken only by the beginning of another day's routine, their fed-up spirit of adventure starves and turns to disgust.

The confining life of the stations ripens this state of dissatisfaction until by the end of the second term of enlistment they are ready to take their discharge and go back to the environment in which they were born and bred. They have only one day a week in which to leave and forget the stifling spray of the sea and the stinging sand storms of the beaches. This one day doesn't allow a red-blooded young adventurer much time for the pursuit of social pleasures. Neither does the salary after paying for expensive uniforms and subsistence, leave much to be spent for pleasure. Consequently few marry in this section; the rest return finally to their former homes after adding nothing of permanent value to the Coast Guard communities.

Undermining the Service The small pay and rigorous service have kept out the old timers of the class which formerly made the stations permanent landmarks along the coast. Constant recruiting of new men changes the personnel of the stations every now and then. These conditions have proved expensive to the government and have lessened the permanent efficiency of the Service in which men formerly spent their lives. A great many men stick, however for the sake of being provided for, when sick or disabled and in hopes of being retired on two thirds pay. This, the Government does for its Coast Guard employees. It retires them either for thirty years continuous service or after they reach 60 years of age. This is the greatest attraction for many men in the Service who have spent the greater part of their lives in following a calling which unfits them for many more profitable occupations which would otherwise claim their services.

The conditions stated above have helped to undermine a most valuable and (Concluded on Page 5.)